

## 8th BRIGADE

### The mission

The 8th Brigade has an exciting mission! The training of tomorrow's leaders is "job one"

In order to do this we must concentrate on the recruiting and training missions. Cadet Command is falling short on the production of officers. Our brigade must be active in the recruitment and retention effort if we are to help Cadet Command solve this problem. We must tell the story

of Army Reserve Officer Training Corps in such a way that it will make young college students want to join. No one wants to be recruited but everyone wants to join something. That something should be Army ROTC. We meet the training challenge when we enable our cadets to:

- Lead effectively by acquiring and strengthening the required skills.
- Enhance their ability to analyze and critique the leadership of others.
- Analyze the characteristics of good leadership.
- Assess their own leadership style and potential.

■ Develop supportive associations with other leaders. The 8th Brigade is making a positive difference. Our focus is Cadets.

### Where we are headed

Still a provisional brigade, the 8th will be standing up as an official TPU unit on Oct. 19, 2001. The brigade will consist of one Basic Camp Support Battalion at Fort Knox and three-person cells located at each university the brigade supports. All these elements mission is to support the Senior ROTC program.

## 100th Division Band: Fort Knox, Ky.

### The command

**100th Division Band**, Fort Knox, Ky.

**Commander:** Chief Warrant Officer Larry Barton.

**Operations NCO:** Sgt. Arthur Downey Jr.

Chief Warrant Officer Barton has been the band's commander since 1988.

Barton plays the trumpet and piano, and in his civilian career, he is an assistant principal for the Madison County Schools in Kentucky.

Barton entered his military career in 1979 as a ROTC Cadet. His most memorable moment since commanding the 100th Division Band, is when he got to direct the National Anthem at the Cincinnati Reds opening day in 1990. Mr. Barton is also the keyboard player for the Stage Band.

### Lineage and Honors

Constituted Aug. 2, 1943 as Band, 100th Infantry Division, the unit was activated Aug. 14, 1943 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. It was redesignated that December as the 100th Infantry Division band.

The band stayed on active duty until Jan. 15, 1946. That October, the band was redesignated and reorganized as the 100th Airborne Division Band and was allotted to the organized reserves.

The unit went through through more reorganizations and redesignations until — in 1959 — it again became the 100th Division Band, a title it continues to hold.

Its active duty credits service during World War II include Ardennes-Alsace, Rhineland, and Central Europe

The unit was presented with a Meritorious Unit Citation for service in European Theatre.



The 100th Division Band, originally formed in 1943, plays for a variety of events. In September 2000, the band performed at a ceremony when the 100th Infantry Division held its reunion in Louisville, Ky.

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